



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

PINNACLE ROAD

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 10 June 2021

Raised by: Lord Mayor Reynolds

Question:

Could the Director please provide statistical information in respect to how many days or (part days of) a year has Pinnacle Road been closed over the past 2 years due to weather (snow, frost, overnight closures, bushfire risk)?

Response:

The Pinnacle Road is closed for road safety reasons or maintenance by the Hobart City Council using the authority vested in Council by the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*. All closures for events require the organisers to have a road closure permit from Tasmania Police.

The road is only closed at locations where vehicles can safely turn around. These are Gate 1 (Bracken Lane) or Gate 3 (The Springs). Closures are made based upon the prediction or presence of conditions that make vehicle or public access unsafe. This includes ice, snow, wind or bushfire and is determined using a standard operating procedure considering the twice daily Met Eye forecast for kunanyi/ Mount Wellington provided by the Bureau of Meteorology.

The road is also closed by TasPol licence for events such as the Point to Pinnacle and kunanyi Challenge. The Council closes the road for periods for essential maintenance to ensure safety of staff operating in the road corridor.

The management of closures relating to Pinnacle Road in 2020 also included a period (27 March – 5 June 2020) undertaken at the direction of the State Controller in relation to restriction of movement due to COVID 19 pandemic events. Wellington Park was closed and therefore the Pinnacle Road, as the only form of road access, was closed as well.

Closures are made pre-emptively based on the forecast and then daily inspections determine if overnight closures are maintained or the road opened depending on the actual conditions.

In 2019 Pinnacle Road was closed for 39 days in total including 18 closures at Gate 1, Bracken Lane. The reasons for closure included:

- 34 days for snow and ice (21 were open to The Springs);
- 130 overnight closures where the road was open by 0900hrs;
- 3 days for bushfire (4 Jan, 25 Jan and 30 Dec);
- 2 days for resurfacing the car park at the Pinnacle;
- 0.5 day for the Point to Pinnacle.

In 2020 Pinnacle Road was closed by Council for 41 days in total including 22 closures at Gate 1, Bracken Lane. The reasons for closure included:

- 36 days for snow or ice (22 open to Gate 3);
- 2 days for bushfire (30 – 31 January);
- 95 overnight closures where the road was open by 0900hrs;
- 71 days for COVID closures (this was not closed by Council but by the State Controller);
- 3 days for road maintenance;
- 0.5 day by TasPol licence for the kunanyi Challenge;
- Point to Pinnacle was cancelled.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



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DIRECTOR CITY AMENITY

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